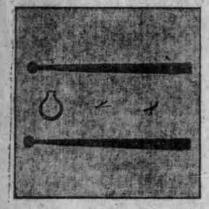
THE FOUNDING OF NORWICH IN THE WILDERNESS

The Conduct and Doings of the First Comers to a New Land



HINGES, KNOCKER AND NAILS OF FORT MEETING HOUSE BUILT ON ROCKS.

passed the chair of Uncas, where a party of the Indians, with Uncas him-self at their head, joined them in their canoes, and accompanied them to their landing near the falls. (On their way from the landing place to the settlement they passed near the Indian burying ground, which Uneas charged them to hold sacted forever.

Just what reasons this little band of pioneers had for leaving their comdetable homes in Saybreak we cannot tell. There is a tradition that they were discouraged by the ravages of the Saybreak crows and blackbirds, who would sometimes descend upon the newly sprouted malze, and leave hardly one spear remaining. Perhaps they were influenced by Capt. John Mason who, from his familiarity with the Indian country and his jong acquaintance with Uneas, may have been which finally brought them to a decision, we know that in 1653 application was made to the General Court for permission to begin the Court for permission to the court for permission to begin the Court for permission to the court for the court for the men who are sup

Whatever the considerations may have been which finally brought them to a decision, we know that in 1859 application was made to the General Court for permission to begin the work, and we find this record in the minutes of the Assembly:

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clare yt they approve and consent to what is desired by approve and consent to what is desired by approve and consent to specting Mohegin, provided yt within ye space of three yeares they doe offect a plantation in ye place propounded."

Thomas Adgate.

Bobert Allyn.

William Packus, Sen'r. A list of the signers of this petition would be invaluable, but no copy of

In 1865 the earlier deed was ratified and confirmed by the two sachems and others of the chief men of Mobegan, and the boundaries established as folms and

Whereas the planation of Norwich in June Anno 1659 purchased of Vacas, suchem of Mohegan, and Oweneca and Attawanhood, sones whto, nine miles square in the Mohegan Country for which due satisfaction was made &c.: and now for the more Clear and plaine Expressing the Bounds & Boundaries so as that no Disagreement may be after the Decease of such English and Indians as knew the Boundaries and Indians as knew the Boundaries and indians as knew the Boundaries and in that the Town of Norwich Math of there free will given and passed over to the Mohegans A parcell of Land on the South side of Trading Coave brook which theire former Lyne by the originale Deed took in: Be it now & hereafter Known ento all by the originale Deed took in: Be it now & hereafter Known vnto all whome it Doth may or Ever shall cancern that I, Owenees, Sachem of Mohegan, son and helr vnto Vnces Deceaseed, and that I Josala, sone and Helre vnto Owenea, that we Doe by these presents flully & Freely consent to Rattefie & Confirm the Boundaries and Bounds of the planation of Norwich as is here Expressed—Beginning at the mouth of Tradeing Coave breek the Euglia to Runn as the brooke runs indies. Thomas Bliss John Post John Rythe Lyffe to Runn as the brooke runs indies. Thomas Bliss John Post John at the mouth of Tradeing Coave breek | Huntington, Thomas Tracy, John Reythe Lyffe to Runn as the brooke runs wolds, Thomas Bliss, John Post, John

The Pleases from Soybreok in 165—He was the country the Country of Trading Coave; and two miles of the sound to the country of tors Executors with all the privelledges and Appertenencies as is expressed and implyed in the Original Deed. And in Testimeny and Confirmation of what is above written and that it is our and & Deed as witness our hands and seals this the lifth of October Anno 1835.

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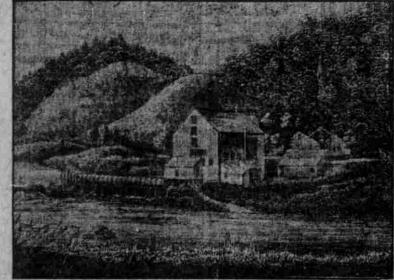
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Jamus Fitch, Assistant.
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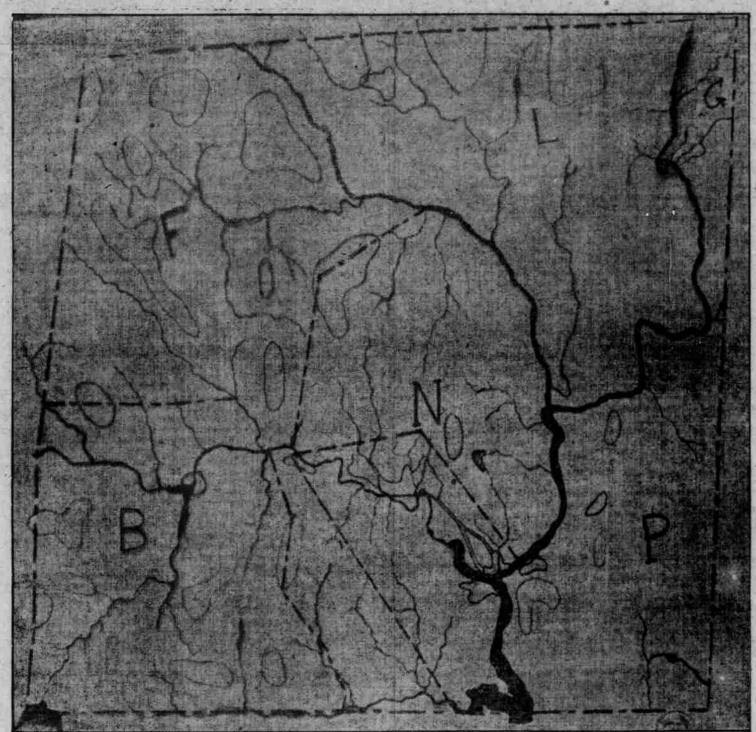
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ELDERKIN'S MILL, 1661.

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Map of the Original 9-Mile Square Plot

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Thomas Carew, Isaac Cieveland, John Elderkin, John Fillmore. Stephen Gifford, Richard Hendy, John Hough, Samuel Lothrop or Lathrop, Increase Moseley, James Norman, Samuel Pitcher, Samuel Roberts, Theophilus Rogers, Thomas Shuman, Richard Wallis,

NORWICH-1870-1720.

Landing Place at Elderkin's Mill-The Houses First Built-Early Costumes-Nerwich a Government Unto Itself-Early Churches-Where the Courte Wore Held and the Original Proprietors Buried-Offsheets of Old Norwich-Lisbon-Preston-Lebsnon-Franklin.

For a long time the landing place was at Elderkin's mill, below the Falls, from which place. Mill lane, the road to the s. Hiement, followed the old In-lan trail across the sheep walk foling into the present Washington street near the entrance to the Backus hos-pital. At this point, close by the house of John Peynoids, was a gateway lead-

kovember, 1660, was the first male contained their lumber from Mr. Winter Settlars.

Later Settlars.

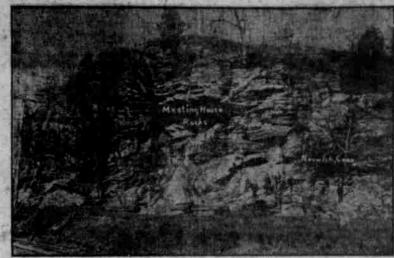
Attracted by the success of the little colony, other settlers came to cast in the first houses were built was hewed and shaped entirely by hand, no sawing original home-lots and all the privileges of first proprietors were:

Stephen Backus, Richard Euchnell, Richard Euchnell, Richard Euchnell, Backus, Ric



a porch chamber, which, according to the early deeds, seems to have been quite a feature of the first Norwich houses. Heavy beams crossed the cellus overhead ran along the sides of the wall, and down the corners, and these in the oldest buildings are rough house often showing the mark of the haws, often showing the mark of the axe. The cours and window shutters were fastened with huge bars of wood, a feature still to be seen in some "The kitchen win the principal room, and made a cheerful gathering

room, and made a cheerful gathering place for the family circle, with its rows of burnished pewter dianes on the dreaser, the log scats and bigh settle in the chimpey corner, the deep cavennous irrelines, with its imposing array of cranes, kettles, lacks, spits, pothoods or trainmels, and the fire-does, on which the burning logs piled up against the huge back-log blazed up into the chimney. Into one side of the chimney was built the oven, and over the breclace was a high shelf, and there were recesses for beeks, and closets in most unexpected pilices. Hanging from the cellpected places. Hanging from the celling were the family stores of flitches of becon, venison, skins of wild animals, and strings of drived apples, ears of corn and pumpkins. The floors were sanded, and before the introduction of glass the small windows were of ciled paper. After glass came into use, the panes were at first diamond shaped with beg cakefurs.



the people.

The Rev. James Fitch, the pastor small value. The Rev. James Fitch, the pastor of the church, was a man greatly beloved by his people, and it was a subject of much discussion whether he should come to the new settlement, or should stay with the remnant of his people in Saybrook. After long deliberation he decided that his duty was

subject of much discussion whether he should stay with the reminant of his people in Saybrook. After long deliberation he decided that his duty was to come with the majority to Norwich. Shortly after his arrival he was invited to take charge of the church in Hartferd, but his only reply was invited to take charge of the church in Hartferd, but his only reply was this: "With whom, then, shall leave these few poor sheep in the wilderness?" The home-let of Mr. Fitch was on the southeast side of the green, near the spot where, the first meeting house was erected.

Captain, or Major, John Mason was deputy severner and acting governer of the colony, and its leading millitary officer. His house was the first to be built in the town, and stoed on the southwest side of the green, be was a born ploneer, and is described as one who possessed "all the diements of grentness. His purposes were high and noble! his will was strong and determined, he was possessed of remarkable firmness and simple as a child. Never do you hear from him one word of boasting or vanify."

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Laterers were krift can be often and leather clothing, though the latter was and gown with a tazzel, and leather "Under the pointed stomacher and gown with allow sleeves, the women were petticeats of woolen, but sometimes of silk or brocade, and fine, atiffly starched aprens. The matrons were caps, and silk and velvet hoods were much in voque, as well as the riding hood—a short cape with hood attached.

Although Nerwich was within the jurisdiction of Connecticut, the General Court does not seem to have extent, and the townspecial were left to govern themselves like an independent republic, all of the public business having been managed by the whole body politic. But Mr. Fitch and Major Mason, although in no sense fulcra were most certainty leaders of the people.

The Rev. James Fitch, the pastor of the church, was a man greatly



DR. LATHROP'S DRUG STORE.

First Drug Store in Connecticut, where Benedict Arnold Learned the Business.

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"High cheeks of drawers, huge carving of cheeks, and high-post bedateads with rangings, formed the furniture of the other rooms.

The open wood-fire was for a long time the only mode of heating. There was no was of warnings. There was no was of warnings the churches, so that the women carried little foot staves, and in large leather overshoes called the men sta with their 'feet incased in large leather overshoes called highest. The summy weather.

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